

Transfiguration of the Lord, Cycle B

Focus: With Jesus on our side we have nothing to fear.

Gathering (children find/sit on a carpet square)

Say: *Good Morning everyone, my name is _____. Last week we talked about, about a very special miracle Jesus performed. He fed 5,000 people with only five pieces of bread and two small fish.*

This week we will talk about a very special time Jesus and three of his friends shared up on a mountain. It's called the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Together we make the Sign of the Cross (do in reverse so children can mirror).

Say: *Now let's put our hands together and bow our heads.*

Faithful God, we are amazed by your goodness and your glory. May we always believe in you and in your promises. We pray in the name of Jesus, who reveals your love and your beauty to all the world. **Amen.**

Song/Movement

"I Will Call Upon the Lord" track 17 from [America's 25 Favorite Bible Songs](#).

Play music and encourage them to stretch or move to the music. Have the children sit on the carpet when done.

Memory Verse

Say: *Now let's take a moment together to learn a verse from the bible. I will read it to you then ask you to repeat it back to me to help you learn it. Ready?*

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (pause)

Say: Ok, ready to repeat it? Now let's say it all together 1,2,3 .

Say: Has anyone ever heard that before? *Now, we are ready for the Gospel story.*

Gospel Story

Say: *Today we are reading from the Gospel of Mark.*

Have children make sign of the cross on their forehead, mouth and heart saying. *"Lord, open my mind, my lips and my heart so that I may learn it, speak it and love it."*

Read;

Jesus took Peter, James and John up on a high mountain.

While they were there,
a change came over Jesus.
As they were watching him,
his clothes became a dazzling white-
whiter than anyone could wash them.
Suddenly they saw Elijah and Moses
talking with Jesus.

Stop.

Explain that Elijah and Moses were prophets(spoken to by God) who lived and died long before Jesus was born)

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Peter spoke up and said to Jesus,
“Master, it is good for us to be here!
Let us make three tents:
one for you, one for Moses
and one for Elijah.”
Peter really didn’t know what to say
because, like James and John,
he was amazed and frightened
by what he was seeing.
Then a shadow of a cloud came over them,
and a voice came from the cloud saying,
“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”
Suddenly, they didn’t see
Moses and Elijah anymore.
They only saw Jesus.

Ask: If you were one of Jesus’ friends and saw this happen, what would you think?
Would you believe that Jesus was God’s son?

Ask: Do you remember what God said to Peter, James and John? “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” How do we listen to Jesus today? *the Bible, our parents and teachers, in the good thoughts we have that tell us to do the right thing.*

After the reading say: *The Gospel of the Lord*

Children respond: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

Reflection on Reading:

In this story, Jesus gives a preview of what he will be like after the Resurrection. He also shows us that we will be like him, if we chose to believe in him and listen to him. We will live with him in glory. With him on our side, we have nothing to fear in this world or the next.

Gospel Activity

Coloring page- "The Transfiguration"

(While the children are coloring, you can play, Songs 4 Worship Kids, track 7, "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus")

Complete the weekly bulletin as a group (if time allows)

Closing Prayer

Ask the children to bow their heads as we pray in closing.

(Children respond: "We Believe!")

Ask: *Do we believe in God, who sent his son to change the world?
Do we believe in Jesus, who showed his glory to the apostles?
Do we believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives us strength to believe in God's promises?*

Sending Forth

Say: *We will be joining our families now back in church. Let's go this week and take time to talk with Jesus each day and thank him for always being with us.*

Lining Up/Closing Song

Play "Jesus Loves Me" track 1 from Toddler Bible Songs while children put away any materials and line up. Hand out weekly bulletins. Remind them it is important that they return to their family quietly so that we may all listen and pray together in church.



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